

27/11/78

MINUTES AND REPORT

OF

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

OF

THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

HELD AT

A.C.M.A.L. BOARD ROOM, 566 ST. KILDA ROAD, MELBOURNE

ON

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 1978 COMMENCING 7PM.

1. PRESENT:

Mr. M. Rundle - Chairman
Messrs. J. Bainbridge
J.N. Black
K.D. Currey
E.J. Long
J.E.W. Mason,
B. Macintosh
J.F. Rourke,
O.J. Slattery
W.W. Rawlinson - Executive Officer

Apologies for absence for the meeting were received from

Mr. J. Rigby - Hon. Treasurer
Mr. I.A. Wood

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of Council held 20th November, 1978 having been circulated to all members were received and adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS

ARISING:

3.1. C.F.A. COUNCIL - MINUTE 3.11

The Council of the Co-operative Federation of Australia met in Melbourne on the 27th November, 1978.

3.11 SOCIAL FUNCTION - MINUTE 3.111

The Chairman confirmed the opinion of the meeting on the success of the social function including wives of members of Council held on November, 28th, 1978.

3.111 POSTAL INSTITUTE SETTLEMENT CO-OPERATIVE - MINUTE 6

The Executive Officer reported discussions with the Secretary of the Postal Institute Settlement Co-operative revealed the reason for requesting the support of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria in a submission for broadening the investment powers under the Co-operation Act was on the initiative of that Co-operative's Auditors.

3.11v PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL - MINUTE 7

Mr. Rawlinson tabled copies of the brochure printed following consideration and approval by the chairman. 1000 copies had been printed at a cost of \$500.

3.v VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS - MINUTE 10.1

The Executive Officer reported having received advice from the Co-operative Federation of Australia that the proposed International Co-operative top leaders

3.v (cont'd)

conference and meetings of the I.C.A. proposed for November, 1979 will not now be held due to lack of financial support from the Federal Government. In acknowledging the advice from the Minister of the provision of a grant of \$4000 for holding of such meetings in Melbourne Mr. Rawlinson advised the Minister of the deferment of these meetings and requested the grant be retained to be payable in 1980.

The Co-operative Federation of Australia is endeavouring to obtain reduced financial assistance from the Federal Government to enable regional council meetings of the I.C.A. only to be held in Australia at that time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARDS

4.i

From the New Zealand Credit Union League advising they are not aware of Co-operatives being established to meet the unemployment situation.

4.ii

From the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. advising that they are "Not aware of any special effort by U.S.A. Co-operatives to meet problems arising from unemployment".

4.iii

FROM PRIMEAT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
Requesting advice on marketing finance.

OUTWARDS:

4.iv

To Melton Shire Clerk - offering assistance of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria in developing a proposed Co-operative Transport Depot.

5. FINANCE:

5.i

BUDGET

The Executive Officer submitted an income budget for the financial year ending 30th June, 1979. He also tabled the approved expenditure budget for that same period together with an extended expenditure budget for the period 1/7/79 to 31/12/79. Council noted the current liability of \$500 in respect of printing costs of promotional publicity material and authorised this excess expenditure to that budgeted.

5.ii

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

An income and expenditure statement for the period 1st July, 1978 to 30th November, 1978 was submitted to the meeting.

Both the Budget and the Financial Statement were received by the meeting and are appended to the file copy of these minutes

6. CORPORATE PLANNING:

The meeting received a report from Messrs. Bainbridge and Macintosh on this matter including advice from the V.C.C.A. that a programme organised by the General Manager would cost \$450. Enquiries to obtain a live-in type of residential workshop in an out of town location have not been successful.. Council agreed that the workshop should be held from 9.am on Saturday 17th March 1978, concluding PM Sunday the 18th March.

Council would live-in at the motel opposite the V.C.C.A. head quarters subject to availability of accommodation.

The workshop would be held in the premises of V.C.C.A.

One week prior to the next meeting of council each member of Council would submit his individual views on the mission and objective of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria for correlation, and discussion at the next meeting.

Council agreed that Mr. Hildebrand should attend the meeting for 30 minutes to be present for discussion on the agenda item as a preliminary for the final planning of the workshop session..

7. CO-OPERATIVES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED:

Mr. Long advised the meeting that he had received a copy of the interim report of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence on options for disadvantaged workers. The report had been studied by him and Mr. Rawlinson who both considered it to be a valuable document and includes specific references to Co-operative. Subsequent discussions have been held with Mr. Griffiths, team leader responsible for the report. Certain proposals concerning the Co-operative Federation of Victoria were made subject to the acquiescence of the Council.

After a general discussion council agreed:-

7.i

That the Federation would accept nomination to a sub committee of the Victorian Employment committee if invited.

7.ii

To recommend to the Brotherhood of St. Laurence that the N.S.W. Council of Social Services booklet "Operation Co-operation" be re-drafted before distribution in Victoria. The Co-operative Federation of Victoria would be willing to assist in such re-drafting.

7.iii

It recommended that the Government update the handbook of Co-operative Societies issued by the registry.

7.iv

Would be willing to provide experienced speakers on desirable Co-operative organisation and development if such are required.

In view of the current publicity and imprecise information on Co-operation, Council directed that representatives have an early meeting with the Registrar to ensure the correct image of Co-operation is promoted by government and responsible authorities.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT:

Mr. Rawlinson advised council that accounts for affiliation fees for the current financial year had been issued to all existing members each of which has been visited.

Mr. Rawlinson recommended to the Council that an official deputation be convened to relevant Ministers outlining the role and operations of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria, of the relevance of Co-operatives today in the economy. He recommended Ministers to be involved in such discussions should include:-

The Minister for Housing - administering the Co-operation Act.

The Minister for Decentralisation - relating the importance of Co-operatives in decentralisation programs.

The Minister for Agriculture - relating the importance of Co-operatives in agriculture.

The Minister for Social Welfare, Youth, Sport and Recreation - emphasizing the role of true Co-operatives in programs for the disadvantaged.

Council directed a draft submission be prepared for consideration at its next meeting.

Mr. Rawlinson recommended a study be made on the matter of incorporation of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria.

Council directed that a paper advancing the pros and cons of such proposal be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

Council direct that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Murray Goulburn Co-operative for its past and continuing services to The Co-operative Federation of Victoria.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mr. Long informed the meeting that the main business of the last meeting of the Advisory Council had been concerned with the consideration of Guarantees for Co-operatives.

10. THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA REPORT:

Mr. Macintosh reported on the last meeting of the Council of The Co-operative Federation of Australia at which all States had been represented and which the main business had been consideration of a submission to the South Australian Government in response to a request from the Committee of Enquiry set up by that Government.

The Council also agreed to continue the existence of the Committees and requested member State Federations to submit nominations to the Co-operative Federation of Australia for such purpose.

Council agreed the following members would represent the Co-operative Federation of Victoria on the Committees as listed:-

Agriculture	-	Mr. J. F. Rourke
Finance	-	Mr. O. J. Slattery
Legislation	-	Mr. E. J. Long
Consumer	-	Mr. B. Macintosh
Education	-	Mr. J. Bainbridge

11. OTHER BUSINESS:-

Mr. Long tabled brochures supplied by the Co-operative for Aborigines in N.S.W. Council agreed that the Secretary should supply names and addresses of known Co-operatives in Victoria to the Co-operative for Aborigines for individual approach without any reference to endorsement or support by the Co-operative Federation of Victoria.

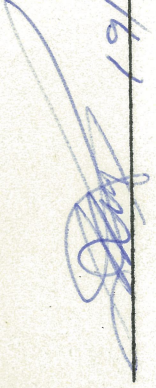
11.11 Council extended its congratulations to Mr. Rourke on his appointment to the Korea Business Co-operation Committee.

12. NEXT MEETING:-

Council agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday February 19th, 1979 in the Board room of A.C.M.A.L. at 566 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, commencing 7pm.

13. CLOSURE:-

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

Confirmed:  19/2/79